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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: CARACAS 1394

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FONMIN CALVANI TO THE
SECRETARY DATED FEBRUARY 14, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH HAS BEEN POUCHED
TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK HAS BROUGHT ME THE TEXT OF THE
INTERESTING LETTER WHICH YOU SENT ME THE 6TH OF THIS MONTH, WHICH
HE AND I DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DURING OUR MEETING YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON.

I SHOULD SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I READ WITH REAL PLEASURE
YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNICATION, FOR FROM YOUR IDEAS AND THE MANNER
OF THEIR EXPRESSION THERE COMES FORTH A CLEAR SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP
AND COLLABORATION AND A SINCERE INTENTION TO ESTABLISH INTER
AMERICAN RELATIONS UPON NEW BASES, WITH A NEW VISION AND A NEW
FOCUS ON THE PRINCIPLES AND INTERESTS WHICH UNITE US.

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EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THIS NEW STAGE

WHICH WE ALL WISH TO INITIATE IN THE HISTORY OF INTER AMERICAN RELATIONS. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT I WILL NOT FAIL TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OCCASION TO REITERATE THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE INSPIRED THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA, SINCE ALL OF THEM AGREE EXACTLY WITH THAT SPIRIT OF RECIPROCAL COLLABORATION WHICH IS EVIDENT FROM YOUR LETTER AND WHICH I HOPE ALL THE COUNTRIES ATTENDING WILL SHARE.

I WOULD HAVE WISHED TO MAKE FULLER COMMENT ON YOUR VALUED COMMUNICATION, BUT THE SHORT SPACE OF TIME I HAVE AVAILABLE PREVENTS ME, AS IN A FEW HOURS TIME I DEPART ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FROM WHENCE I WILL CONTINUE TO MEXICO. I NEVERTHELESS HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK WILL TRANSMIT TO YOU THE IDEAS WHICH I EXPRESSED TO HIM CONCERNING YOUR IMPORTANT LETTER AT THE MEETING WE HELD TO ANALYZE ITS CONTENTS.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS WITH WHICH YOU REFER TO MY WORK AT INTER AMERICAN MEETINGS. IN THE ONE APPROACHING I AM SURE THAT THE AUTHORIZED VOICE OF A STATESMAN SUCH AS YOURSELF, WHO HAS PLAYED SO IMPORTANT A ROLE IN THE GREAT EVENTS OF THE WORLD IN RECENT TIMES, WILL BE A VALUABLE HELP FOR ALL OF US.

MEANWHILE I EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE WISHES FOR COLLABORATION WITH THOSE WHOM I JOIN AT THE MEXICO CONFERENCE, AT WHICH I SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE WITH YOU.

CORDIALLY,

/A/ ARISTIDES CALVANI

END QUOTE
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